

USIA Aide Freed
On \$2,500 Bond
In Wife's Slaying

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A U.S. Information Agency employee is free under a \$2,500 bond after being charged with second degree murder in the shooting of his wife yesterday at their home in the first block of Kennedy Street NE.

Melvin Tibbs, 39, a congressional liaison assistant with the agency, appeared yesterday before U.S. Commissioner Sam Wertlieb, who set the bond and continued the preliminary hearing to Dec. 21. Martressa Tibbs, 32, was shot four times with a pistol, according to police.

In another case before the commissioner, Marion B. Sumpter, 28, of the 1800 block of Kendall Street NE, was ordered held under a \$2,000 bond on a charge of second degree murder in the stabbing yesterday of Willis R. Keenan, 40, of the same address.

Wertlieb continued the preliminary hearing to Dec. 21 after setting bond. Keenan was stabbed during a quarrel, according to police, and was dead on arrival at Casualty Hospital.